GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3496
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2001
CALL OF IMAM FOR JEHAD
ANANDRAO ADSUL;ANANT GANGARAM GEETE;KANTI SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware of the call of the Imam of Delhi for Jehad throughout the country in the wake of air strikes on Afganisthan;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government against such kind of communal passion which threaten the public peace?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): Syed Ahmed Bukhari, Shahi Imam, Jama Masjid, Delhi, is reported to have made certain statements in support of the call given by the Shoora of Afghan Ulema for Jehad. Delhi Police have referred the matter to the Prosecution Branch of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi for its legal opinion as to whether these statements purported to have been made by the Shahi Imam constitute a cognizable offence.

In order to maintain peace and communal harmony Delhi Police have been on high alert specially in the sensitive areas and have kept a close watch on the persons having history of involvement in such incidents.